operator announces the total amount. Then, the operator receives the payment and depresses the total key 244 for accounting processing. Then, the counting processing has finished and a receipt is provided to the customer.

The kitchen video controller 233 operates the 5 display monitor 234 at the kitchen to display sets of orders in order of time to cooks, wherein, as shown in Fig. 27, the first set of order 271 is displayed at the leftmost of the screen of the display monitor 234, the second set of order 272 is displayed on the right of the first order 271, and the last set of order 273 is display on the right of the second set of order 272. The number "#0103" represents the order number. For example, "#0103" represents the third set of orders in the electronic cash register 231 having the machine number one. If the first set of orders 271 are received as shown in Fig. 25, the display monitor 234 successively displays two "hamburgers", two "cheeseburgers", one "L size package of fried potato", and three cups of "tea". Cooks in the kitchen prepare the corresponding articles with monitoring the display monitor 234. When cooking has finished, the cook erases the display image of the corresponding set of orders on the display monitor 234.

In the Claims

Please amend 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 31, 32 and 33 as follows:

1.   (Amended) A method of processing customer's orders comprising the steps of:

(a)   storing setting data for every article;

(b)   inputting ordered articles and storing order data of said ordered articles;

(c)   predicting quantities of said articles to be prepared in accordance with said stored order data in response to a command signal;

(d)   displaying said quantities of said every article to be prepared at a given time period in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal at a peak time; and

(e)   displaying respective sets of input ordered articles at non-peak times.